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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING: OUTCOME VERY UNCERTAIN

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1. AS MEETINGS WIND DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, SITUATION

SOME 65 HOURS AFTER LORENZ' ABDUCTION LEAVES SCANT BASIS FOR OPTIMISM. THOUGH ONLY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS LORENZ STILL ALIVE, KIDNAPPERS HAVE SO FAR INDICATED NO WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AND IN FACT SEEM TO BE TIGHTENING THEIR DEMANDS. POLICE EFFORTS TO INDUCE THEM TO CHOOSE MORE RAPID MEANS OF COMMUNICATION (LATEST POLICE COMMUNIQUE REPORTED REFTEL) SO FAR UNAVAILING.

2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, FACT THAT CAREFULLY WORKED-OUT SCHEME DOES NOT APPEAR TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTURE OF THE KIDNAPPERS THEMSELVES ON THE GETAWAY FLIGHT RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THEY INTEND TO RELEASE LORENZ ALIVE AND ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEM. HOPE ON THIS SCORE POSSIBLE ONLY ONE BASIS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF GANG HAVE BEEN AT LARGE BUT ON WANTED LIST FOR OVER THREE YEARS; WITH THIS RECORD, THEY MAY BE CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO ELUDE ARREST IN FUTURE AS WELL.

3. SENAT CONTINUES ACTIVE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN AIRCRAFT AND IS AWAITING REACTION OF CAPTORS TO ONLY FIRM PROPOSAL AT HAND, A TWO-STAGE OPERATION INVOLVING FRENCH FLIGHT FROM BERLIN TO FRG WITH TRANSFER THERE TO LUFTHANSA. SO FAR THERE IS NO 707 IN SIGHT; THE CLOSEST POSSIBILITY, AERO-AMERICA'S 720, HAS SERIOUS DRAWBACK THAT CREW CANNOT ARRIVE BY DEADLINE SET BY KIDNAPPERS. FACT THAT NOT ALL SPECIFIED PRISONERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS FORM OF LIBERATION MAY BE ADDING TO FRUSTRATION OF KIDNAPPERS.

4. AT LATE EVENING MEETING MARCH 1, HERZ INDICATED TO ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING MEETING OF BERLIN CRISIS GROUP HAD CONCENTRATED ON POLICE COMMUNIQUE (APARA1). SUNDAY'S MEETINGS IN BONN WILL BE CRUCIAL, WE ARE TOLD. GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ WILL GO THERE TO ATTEND 1000 SPD MEETING, FOLLOWED BY 12 NOON MEETING OF BONN CRISIS GROUP. IN BERLIN, CRISIS GROUP RECONVENES AT 120 AND HERZ WILL AGAIN MEET WITH LIAISON OFFICERS  
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AT 1330. WE MAY NOT HAVE CLEAR IDEA UNTIL THEN AS TO WHETHER BERLINERS WILL STICK WITH THEIR INITIAL RESOLVE TO MEET DEMANDS IN FULL. WE HAVE HEARD THAT NEITHER BONN CRISIS GROUP NOR, FOR THAT MATTER, BERLIN POLICE, ARE CONVINCED OF WISDOM OF BERLIN POSITION OF FULL COMPLIANCE. GEORGE

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